(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रतिवेदन की मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) उन पर क्या कार्यवाही किए जाने का विचार है ?

स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रशीद मसूद) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

Measures to save Petrol aad Other Petroleum Products

*82†. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS fee pleased to state-.

(a) whether Government have issued orders for the closure of petrol pumps in the cities on Sundays and fixed timings for their opening and closing on week days in order to save petrol and other petroleum products;

(b) whether Government are aware that the measure has caused inconvenience to the public at large;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the decision; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Government have announced on June 21 1990 several measures aimed at containing the demand for petroleum products during the current year. One of these measures was to close down petrol pumps on Sunday and restrict their working hours fro-ns 7.00 A.ffi. te 7.00 P.M. on other week days. These instructions were applicable to all petrol pumps located within the limits of Municipal areas and within a redius of 20 KMs from the limits of the Municipal Areas.

(b) and (c) Mixed reactions have been received from various segments of the public oh the measures announced recently. Taking note of these reactions. Government reviewed its earlier decision and has allowed the petrol pumps to work between 700 AM to 12.00 Noon on Sundays.

(d) Does hot arise.

Power Deficit in Andhra Pradesh

*83. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Witt the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortfall of power in Andhra Pradesh as at the end of the Seventh Plan period;

(b) what would be the power position in the State by the end of the Eighth Plan; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the power situation in the State?

THE MINISTER OP ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN):

(a) The power shortage in Andhra Pradesh at the end of Seventh Plan, i.e. 1989-90, was 9.8 per cent.

(b) As per the report of the Working Group on Power, based on capacity addition programme of 38369 MW in the Eighth Plan period, it is anticipated that if the aforementioned programme is implemented, Andhra Pradesh may face a power deficit of 25.1 per cent by end of the Eighth Plan.

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Andhra Pradesh include maximising tie generation from the existing

generating capacity, implementation of enovation and Modernisation Programme of the thermal power stations, reduction in Transmission & Dis.-tribution losses, effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance is also provided from the neighbouring systems in the Southern Region, where system conditions are conducive to such transfer of power.

Additional installed capacity of power during the Seventh Plan period

*84. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total installed capacity added to the power system (in MW) during the period 1984-85 to 1989-90;

(b) whether the Seventh Plan targets for additional in'stalkd capacity have been realised; and

(C-) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN); (a) A generating capacity of 24,481.64 MW was added to the installed capacity in the country during the period 1984-85 to 1989-90.

(b) and (c) A capacity addition of 22,245 MW was envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan; as against which 22,123 MW (99.45 per cent) was actually installed by 31.3.1990. Of this 917.5 MW could be energised subsequently.

Price hike in Cement

85. SHRI JAGESH DESAI;
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of cement had gone up in July this year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government have taken to bring them down; and

(c) what were the prices of cement as on the 1st December, 1989, 30th June, 1990 and the 31st July, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH); (a) There is no statutory control over price and distribution of cement. However, in July, 1990, a rising trend in cement prices at some consumption centres in the country has been observed.

(b) The main reasons for rise in price are reported to be as under:—

(i) Firming up of demand for cement.

(ii) Rise in the cost of inputs and distribution costs.

(iii) Localised infrastructural/production constraints.

With a view to ensure maximum cement production/supply, infrastructural support to the cement industry and movement of cement to different parts of the country is being closely and continually monitored and remedial measures taken wherever neeessary. Besides, schemes for increasing the installed capacity are being liberally approved.

(c) Details of retail price of cement at 24 important consumption centres as on 1st December, 1989, 30th June, 1990 and